

"How wonderful it is
that nobody need wait
a single moment
before starting to
improve the world."

~Anne Frank



It's Easy Being Green

Let King County show you how

Get great green tips on how to...

- Reduce, re-use and recycle
- Volunteer
- Green up your ride
- Reduce your carbon footprint
- Make your home and garden green

www.kingcounty.gov/beinggreen

Maintenance Shop Hours

Shop hours are subject to change from spring to summer, please make note of the hour changes!

Spring

Monday-Friday
7:00 AM- 3:30 AM

Summer

Monday-Thursday
6:00 AM- 4:30 PM

After your clean up, send in your group pictures and you can be featured online, submit to:

Adopt.Roads@kingcounty.gov

NO DUMPING

VIOLATORS SUBJECT TO FINES

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REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

206-296-SITE

Illegal dumping poses serious health and environmental risks to our communities. **Report illegal dumping** anytime by calling **206-296-SITE (7483)**, or toll-free: **1-866-431-7483**

Alternative formats available
206-296-6590
(TTY Relav:711)



Did you know that King County has a monthly newsletter for unincorporated area residents? Check out **Community News** for all the latest on what's going on in your area and other parts of unincorporated King County.

Find it online at:
www.kingcounty.gov/UnincorporatedAreaNews

Litter-A-Ture

News from King County Adopt-A-Road
A program of the Department of Transportation
Road Services Division

Spring 2011

Earth Day

Earth Day is just around the corner, and it is calling for our help now more than ever. Did you know that Earth Day is celebrated in over 170 countries? It is great to know that people all around the world are just as passionate about improving the environment as deeply as those in our community right here in King County. This is a great time to grab your group and join us for a day--clean up to celebrate and give thanks to our Earth.

For the past ten years King County has given out a number of limited supply of Earth Day t-shirts, unfortunately, we are facing near and long term budget cuts which will no longer allow us to offer t-shirts to our volunteers. We appreciate your understanding and we are excited to celebrate Earth Day all through April with you. Please call in today and set up your clean up dates. We thank you for all your support over the years and keeping the King County Adopt-A-Road program alive!



Earth Day
April 22, 2011

Schedule your April
clean up now!

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We welcome our Newest Group Members since spring 2010

Kentlake High School Environmental Protection Club, Brummer Insurance, Cascade Soccer Club, Braddock and Logan, Middle Green River Coalition, Jr. Hornets Football, Cascade Rifle & Pistol Club, South Firs Homeowners Association, Cedar Park Christian School National Honor Society, Kyle Clifford, D Bar S Ranch, Partnership for Rural King County, Wendee & RJ Mathiesen, Redmond Ridge Jazzercise, New Blackwoods Workshop, Browns Automotive, Beau Jardin LLC, Ryan and Jenevieve Fisher, Crosse Creek H.O.A., Star Lake Improvement Club, Velocity Sports Performance, Coldwell Banker Vain, City Hall Saloon and Eatery, Erin Treiber & Dave Treiber, Woodinville Runners, Fotelica.com, Kent Meridian Cooperative Preschool, Peak Sports and Spine Physical Therapy, American Society of Civil Engineers—Seattle Section, ProStar Insurance, Girl Scout Group 52866, The Clark Family, Mt Rainier Futbol Club, Individual- John L. Scott Real Estate Agent, Tadpole Haven Native Plants, Hailey's World, Duvall Racing Team and Pit Crew, The Neat Guy, Duval Starbucks !!!



Meet your new Community Partnership Intern

My name is Thanh-Thanh Nguyen and I look forward to working with each and every one of you. It has already been such a pleasure getting to know a few group members over the phone and through emails.

A little tidbit about myself: I am a Vietnamese University of Washington student. GO HUSKIES. Although I bleed Purple and Gold, I also love being "Green". In high school, I participated in various environmental groups such as Environmental Warriors, and created an Art Club that participated in the Fremont Solstice Parade under the title "Don't Panic if it's Organic". My passion for helping the environment makes interning with King County Adopt A Road program such a joy. I am thrilled to be a part of this great organization and getting to work with such wonderful people who share my similar outlook. I look forward to working with all of you throughout my term here!

Thank you,

Thanh-Thanh Nguyen



Do you know someone interested in adopting a King County road?

There are still many roads in unincorporated King County that are available for adoption. Encourage your neighbors, friends, and co-workers to partner with King County Road Services to remove litter debris from county roads and improve the quality of the environment. They'll receive guidance and support for successful cleanups, a safety orientation, use of safety equipment, two Adopt-A-Road signs recognizing their volunteer group, and recognition for a job well done!



Composting Made Easy

Interested in composting, but not sure how? Follow these simple steps:

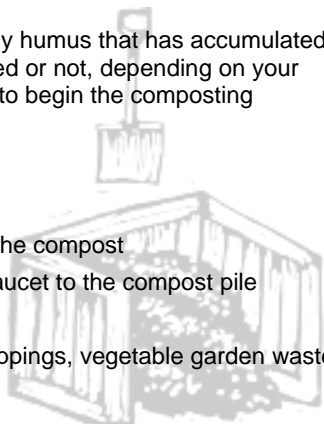
How to compost

1. Choose a location in your yard that is out of the way but within reach of the garden hose and not too far to haul the materials. A partly shady location is good.
2. Select a compost method, such as a covered compost bin or a brush pile.
3. Layer yard waste, mixing browns (twigs or dry leaves) with greens (grass clippings or vegetable garden waste), and moisten each layer.
4. Check the pile or container every week and keep it damp. Use a garden fork to mix and turn the pile occasionally. Yard waste breaks down in three to six months.
5. Harvest the compost by removing the earthy humus that has accumulated at the bottom. The compost can be screened or not, depending on your intended use. Use the remaining materials to begin the composting process again.

Compost equipment

- Compost bin (optional)
- Stiff-tined garden fork to turn and fluff the compost
- Garden hose that will reach from the faucet to the compost pile
- Compost thermometer (optional)
- Yard waste, including leaves, grass clippings, vegetable garden waste, flower garden waste and twigs

To find out more about composting and ordering a compost bin, visit the King County Solid Waste Division website at www.your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste



We love it when you send us Clean Up Result sheets!

Sending in Clean Up Result sheets is the only way we can document how many trash bags or recycling bags has been collected throughout the year. We want to recognize the work that was put in by all of our volunteers. There are many ways in which you can send us your results!

1. Fill out an online Clean Up Result form by going online to our website, and under Adopt-A-Road, click Clean Up Result sheets.
2. Call in or leave a message with your information including:
 - a. Stating your group name and/or locator number, number of hours it took, trash/recycle bag count, number of volunteers involved, and date of clean up.
3. Email adopt.roads@kingcounty with the information above.
4. Mail in the Clean Up Results sheet or hand written note to the Adopt-A-Road office.



Some Friendly Statistics!

Since March 2010...

Volunteers have participated in over **350** clean ups all around king county, collected **3,145** trash bags and **313** bags of recycles, collaborated **1,134** hours of clean up, and cleaned over **300** miles of road!

Most importantly you have made a difference. Your dedication and hard work is very appreciated by the community and we thank each and every one of our volunteers.



Send in your clean up pictures to Adopt.Roads@kingcounty.gov

(Left): Group Alpentel Ski Instructors, (Middle): Group Your Neighbor and Friends, with their pile of Earth Day treasures from 2010 (Above)



UW Cherry Blossoms